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Central Schwenkfelder Church, Valley Forge Road, Worcester, Pennsylvania. Dr. Jack Rothenberger, President of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, serves as the Senior Pastor of the congregation.

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President Rothenberger challenges Endeavorers to freedom through trust and faithfulness to Christ.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH WITNESS.....3

Endeavorers, both individuals and groups, are encouraged to enter the 1984 Christian Youth Witness program.

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A monthly pictorial calendar, highlighting the program of Christian Endeavor for 1984 and listing dates of upcoming state, provincial, national and international activities.

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The President's Corner

When the Apostle Paul asked the Thessalonians to pray for him and his missionary friends, Timothy and Silas, he was asking that they would give Christ freedom to work in and through them. (II Thessalonians 3:1, "Finally brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course...")

The Word of the Lord, the living Christ Himself, frees us so we can give Him freedom in our living and in our service to Christ and His Church. By God's grace and through our faith in accepting His acceptance of us on the cross of Calvary, we are given freedom... we have been forgiven and the future is open to new possibilities.

Our challenge is not to work harder for the Lord, but to give Him freedom to work in and through us. All we have to give Him is our willingness to be His servants. Our prayer should be, "Father, give me the wisdom and the courage to allow you freedom to work in me so I can become the person you created me to be."

In one of his recent books, Lloyd Ogilvie discusses the components of Christian freedom as taught by the Apostle Paul in II Thessalonians 3:3, 4, 5. In vs. 3 Paul reminds us that the Lord's faithfulness is beyond question. He is Lord of all creation. He is able to do what we often think is impossible. The more we focus on His faithfulness, the more faith-filled we become and the more positive will be our thinking.

In vs. 4 Paul tells us that the more we focus on the Lord's faithfulness the more confidence we will have in the Lord. We should not forget that what

the Lord entrusts to His people to do He will enable if we let Him. We were never meant to do the Lord's work on our strength alone. When we allow the Lord freedom to work in us, we develop confidence in Him.

As we grow in faithfulness because of the Lord's faithfulness and as we gain confidence in the Lord, we also develop patience. In vs. 5 Paul says, "And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ." Patience is evidence that Christ really does live in you.

This kind of freedom is available to us through faith so that we can participate in the work of the Kingdom of God. The deepest longing in our hearts should be that the Lord will have complete freedom to do His will in, around, and through us. You and I need to be cooperative with Him. We also need to anticipate great things from the Lord. When we anticipate great things from Him we can dare great things with Him and for Him. There is no limit to the blessings He will give to a person or a movement like Christian Endeavor when we trust Him completely and give Him the freedom to express His glory through us.

When we walk with the Lord
In the Light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do,
Where He sends we will go, —
Never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey.

—J.H. Sammus

1984 Christian Youth Witness Program

For Individuals

Awards will be given for the most significant article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, cartoon, or activity. The entry must be developed, written, or released after February 28, 1983, and must be submitted by February 29, 1984.

The entry of an article, editorial, poster, black and white photograph, or cartoon must include a tear sheet from the publication in which it was printed together with date and name of publication or a statement showing date and place of exhibition. The entry of a talk must include a cassette tape of the actual presentation, indicating the date and place of presentation.

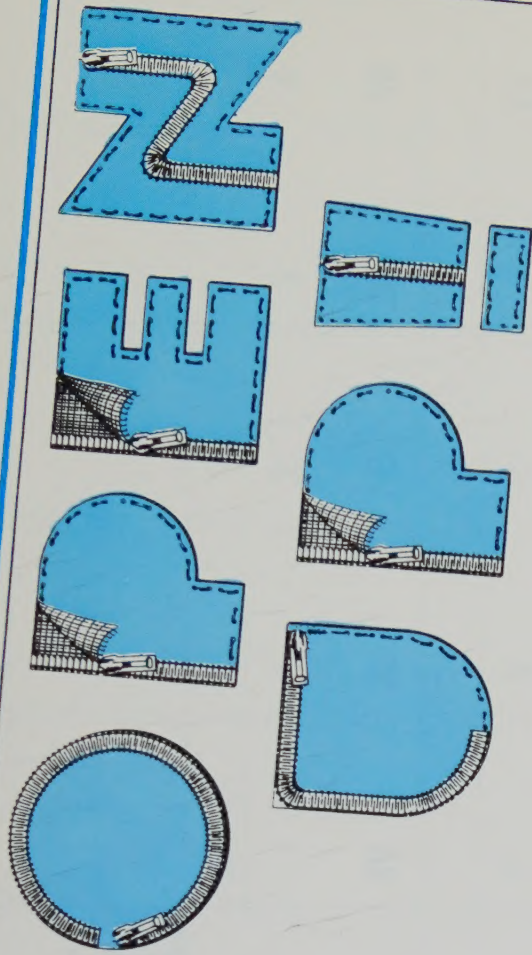
For Societies

Awards will be given for the sponsoring and reporting of a significant completed Christian witness project by a Christian Endeavor society or similar youth group. The project is to be commenced after February 28, 1983, and must be reported by February 29, 1984.

Entries will be submitted on a trimester report form. Winning societies or youth groups, will be asked to submit photographs, press clippings, drawings, commendations, etc., which describe the winning youth witness project or projects.

Deadline for mailing entries is February 29, 1984.

Write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor,
P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio 43216, for additional information.



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ABOUT JESUS.

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EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS.

YOU CAN GROW
& ENCOURAGE
MANY PEOPLE.

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Christian Youth Witness

January



The International Society of Christian Endeavor conducts a Christian Youth Witness Program annually to encourage young people to give witness of their faith in Jesus Christ and serve together for Christ and the Church in their community, nation, and world, both now and in the years to come.

The 1984 Program, the thirty-third annual competition, is made possible through a generous gift by the Diebold Foundation of New York in memory of the late Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City. The Diebold Foundation has sponsored the annual competition for the past twenty-eight years.

Witness projects by individuals or youth groups in this year's competition must be conducted between February 28, 1983, and February 29, 1984.

January Dates

- 6-8** New Jersey Winter Happening, Camp Bernie
- 6-12** Australian National Convention, Geelong, Victoria
- 27-29** Michigan Ski-ee Weekend, Clear Lake Camp, Dowling
- 29** Christian Endeavor Week begins

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Dr. Nate Jarrett and Georgia Kay



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Romans 12 has long been known as the Christian Endeavor chapter of the Bible. This passage has been used to encourage young people in their development as leaders for Christ and the Church. This year a renewed emphasis is being placed upon Romans 12 by encouraging pastors to preach a sermon based on this portion of Scripture.

In order to challenge ministers across America to participate in this program in their local churches, a contest with awards has been developed. Rules for the contest may be secured by writing to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

February Dates

- 2 Birthday of Christian Endeavor
- 5 Christian Endeavor Week ends
- 25 Poling Alumni Dinner, Cleveland, Ohio
- 29 Deadline for mailing Christian Youth Witness entries and Sermon Contest entries

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March

Junior Christian Endeavorers



The Christian Endeavor movement has long emphasized the need for developing young people and young adults as Christian leaders. Soon after Christian Endeavor began it became evident that this leadership training should begin at an early age and junior-age societies were organized.

Today many churches have strong primary and junior Christian Endeavor societies which prepare their young people for involvement in junior high and high school societies. Most International Christian Endeavor conventions and many state conventions feature activities for juniors and include a one-day junior convention. Training for junior sponsors is often included in the convention program.

March Dates

- 3 Canadian Executive Meeting, Hamilton, Ontario
- 3 Washington State Executive Meeting
- 16-18 West Virginia Winter Happening, Oglebay Park, Wheeling
- 17-18 New Jersey Leadership Training Conference, Keswick
- 22-25 Oregon Convention, Newport
- 23-25 Scottish National Convention, Alloa, Scotland
- 23-25 Washington State Convention, Fort Worden

Executive Committee



The Board of Trustees of the International Society meets annually in October to care for the business affairs of the Corporation and to promote interrelationship among Christian Endeavor societies and unions in the United States and its territories, Canada, and Mexico.

Its responsibilities include: (1) survey the needs of youth and determine how Christian Endeavor can better serve the youth program of the church; (2) create and initiate educational policy, program, emphases, and materials; (3) promote efficient executive and field activity within Christian Endeavor; (4) integrate the program and methods of work of national, state, territorial, and provincial unions and the International Society; (5) increase mutual acquaintance and fellowship among those officially associated in Christian Endeavor leadership.

April Dates

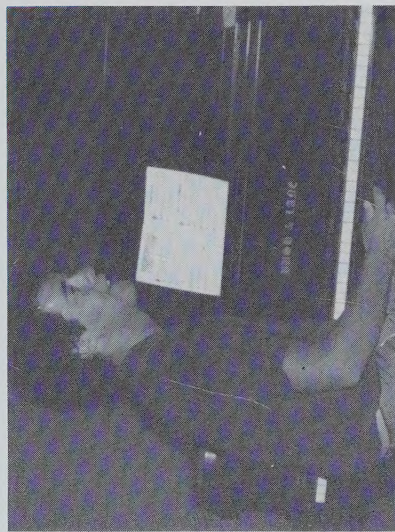
- 23** Welsh National Convention,
Haverfordwest
- 26-27** International Society Finance Committee
Meeting, Holland, Michigan
- 27-28** International Society Executive
Committee Meeting, Holland, Michigan

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May

Youth Assembly—
Marvin Easter



Each evangelical denomination, communion, or association and each national, state, territorial, or provincial Christian Endeavor union in the United States and its territories, Canada, or Mexico, including the District of Columbia, may appoint two young people under the age of 25 to the Board of Trustees.

In order to assure youth involvement at the International level, all members of the Board of Trustees under the age of 25 constitute a Youth Assembly which meets during the International conventions or at such other times as agreed upon. The Associate President of the International Society serves as Chairman of the Youth Assembly.

May Dates

- 5** Ohio Spring Rally, Tuscarawas Park, New Philadelphia
- 7-8** World's Union Executive Committee Meeting, Liberty Corner, New Jersey
- 26** Ontario Christian Endeavor Day, Roseville
- 26-28** British National Convention, Crawley, Sussex
- 26-28** New York State Convention, Sacandaga Camp, Broadalbin

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Christian Endeavor Guesthouse



In Europe the Christian Endeavor movement has developed Christian Endeavor Guesthouses or Holiday Homes. These have been used to conduct conferences and develop Christian leaders, while providing a place for rest and relaxation away from home.

Today many people find these houses to be a place for rest in a Christian atmosphere while they vacation in the area. Many of these Guesthouses are scattered across the European continent. In the British Isles these Guesthouses are known as Holiday Homes.

June Dates

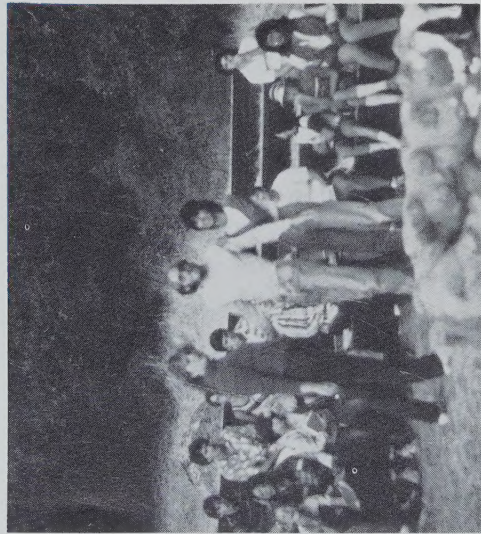
- 7-10** Texas Convention, Dallas Christian College, Dallas
- 17-23** Washington State Leadership Conference
- 25-28** West Virginia Convention, Clarksburg

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California Christian
Endeavor Camp

July



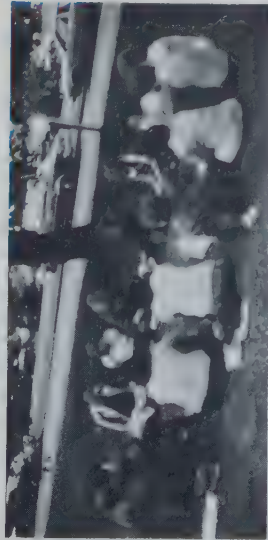
The California Christian Endeavor Camp was held July 10-16, 1983, at Camp San Marcos near Santa Barbara, California. Under the leadership of Dorothy Mock, Program Director, the campers enjoyed being close to nature while exploring the theme, "In All of Life's Choices. . . Christ." Margery Smith, a TEAM missionary to Irian Jaya, and Joke Schout, a Dutch Reformed pastor from the Netherlands, led the daily missionary hour. Mrs. Etta Barner of Columbus, Ohio, led the session on Christian Endeavor in action. Adeline Gordon was in charge of the craft classes and gave the closing evening chalk talk. Guy Renard directed the recreational activities and led the evening echoes.

July Dates

- 6-8** Ohio Convention, Otterbein College, Westerville
- 29-Aug. 4** New Jersey Junior High Summer Conference, Four Brooks, Pipersville, Pennsylvania
- 30-Aug. 4** Pennsylvania Summer Assembly, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove

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Christian Endeavor Conventions



Each year several state Christian Endeavor unions conduct conferences and conventions. They vary in length from a one-day retreat to a weeklong conference. While they include inspirational evening meetings, daily recreational activities, and Christian fellowship, the heart of these meetings is the small group training in leadership development including Bible study and personal devotions.

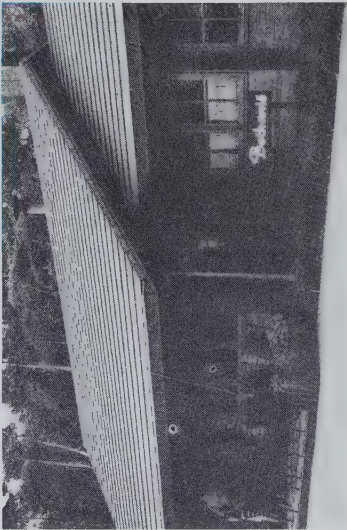
August Dates

- 5** Los Angeles County-California Olympic Celebration
- 5-11** New Jersey Junior Summer Conference, Four Brooks, Pipersville, Pennsylvania
- 5-11** St. Louis-Missouri Camp, Camp Derricotte, Troy
- 6-11** Alabama Camp, Camp Chula Vista, Pell City
- 11-18** New York Summer Assembly, Le Tourneau Christian Camp, Canandaigua
- 13-17** Virginia Convention, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater
- 17-20** Golden Rule Annual Conference, Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland
- 25** Illinois Alumni Luncheon, Peoria
- 31-Sept. 3** Texas Fall Workers Camp, H.E.B. Foundation Camp, Leakey

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World's Union Meetings



Young people and their leaders from around the world will gather at Amerongen, The Netherlands, for an international service of praise on Saturday, September 15, 1984. On Sunday, September 16, they will join in an international worship service and Christian Endeavor Rally. The following week the World's Union Council and Board of Trustees will meet in Amerongen.

September Dates

- 7-8** New Jersey Autumn Excitement, Farmingdale
- 14-16** Michigan Fall Assembly, Clear Lake, Camp Dowling
- 14-30** International Fellowship Tour
- 15** Wisconsin Reunion
- 17** World's Union Finance Committee Meeting, Amerongen, The Netherlands
- 17** World's Union Council Meeting, Amerongen, The Netherlands
- 18-19** World's Union Board of Trustees Meeting, Amerongen, The Netherlands
- 21-23** Irish National Convention, Enniskillen

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Samoan Endeavorers



Most churches in American and Western Samoa have Christian Endeavor societies. Many Samoans have moved to the states of California, Hawaii, and Washington and established Samoan churches in these states. For many years the Samoa Christian Endeavor Union has been a part of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. In 1981 the Christian Endeavor Union of American Samoa became a part of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. During the Seattle 83 Convention Samoan Endeavorers participated in the General Assembly session as they shared their music and culture with the delegates from the North American continent.

October Dates

- 9-11 International Society Educational Committee Meeting, Columbus, Ohio
- 11 International Society Finance Committee Meeting, Columbus, Ohio
- 11-14 International Society Board of Trustees Meeting, Columbus, Ohio
- 19-20 West Virginia Fall Retreat, Jackson's Mill

October

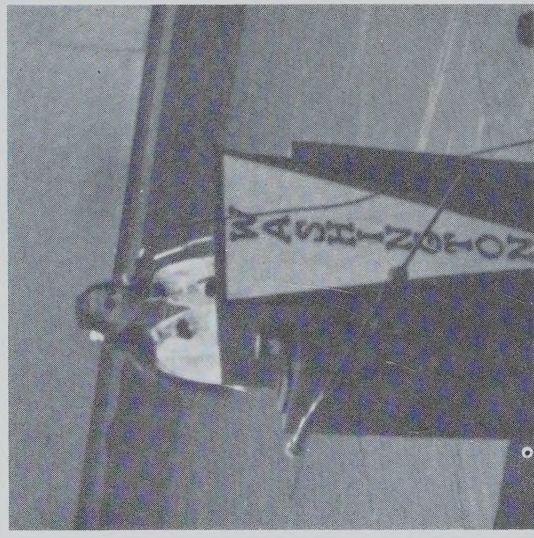
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Youth Exchange



For several years in the Christian Endeavor movement a Youth Exchange Program has been conducted and young people from Scotland and Western Germany have come to North America for up to one year. Families in the International Society have provided free housing and hospitality to these young people during their stay.

The leaders of the Irish Christian Endeavor Union have proposed that Irish young people come to North America in the summer of 1984 and in 1985, THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF YOUTH, young people from North America visit Northern Ireland.

This program affords opportunity for evangelism and service and acquaints young people with Christian culture in other countries.

November Dates

- 2-4 Southern Region Conference, Montreat, North Carolina
- 22-26 Hawaiian Aha Opio

December

Nigerian Endeavorers



September 15-18, 1983, Endeavorers from Nigeria and Cameroon gathered in Abak, Cross River State, Nigeria, for a joint Christian Endeavor Convention. In October the World's Union Board of Trustees voted to recognize Cameroon as a national Christian Endeavor Union. Pictured above are young people who attended the convention.

While Christian Endeavor is active in seventy-six nations and island groups in the world, there are forty-one organized national unions. The Cameroon Union is the most recent union to be recognized by the World's Union.

The next World's Christian Endeavor Convention is scheduled for Seoul, Korea in August 1986.

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Christian Endeavor Program Aids



Materials alone don't ensure a vital youth program. They can't make up for lack of planning and hard work — but they do provide ideas. They can't do the job alone — but when dedicated, concerned leaders use them properly, they will be invaluable aids for a successful program.

The International Society provides such tools to assist the local church and its leaders in developing a meaningful youth group. To have an effective Christian Endeavor society in your church, your group should be equipped with the aids pictured above.

1. Resource Manuals

Colorful three ring binders containing three years of resource materials are available for both youth and junior age levels. These binders are available without charge upon request.

Youth

2. Resource Packets

Packets are provided three times each year for groups and individuals requesting them. Each packet contains help for the sponsor, society planning and group activities, and topics for discussion.

Junior Resource

3. Packets

Packets are similar to the Youth Packets in format but are geared especially to young people sixth grade and under. A special junior sponsor section is found in each packet.

For Christ

4. and the Church

A textbook designed to assist youth groups in understanding the scope of the Christian Endeavor movement as well as its organization and operation within the local church. (\$2.95)

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